IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 15-21, with the following paragraph (shown with marked-up change):

FIG. 3 shows a positioning of three individual two-lamp ballasts 55 in the ballast channel assembly 50, for an exemplary embodiment of a lighting fixture 100 having six tubes ~~11~~ 12. As can be seen, the narrow profile of the ballasts 55 allows for placing the ballasts 55 adjacent one another while maintaining a ballast channel 50 having a small width. It is noted that the ballast channel 50 being provided in a same plane as the cells 10 allows either lighting fixture 1 or 100 to have a short vertical height compared with conventional fixtures that position a ballast atop a tube position.